

Disparity in licensing standards of drugs

504. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether disparity in licensing standards of drugs among State causes proliferation of irrational drugs (fixed dose combination drugs) in the market;

(b) whether Government propose to form a Drug Regulatory Authority to speed up licencing and regulate clinical trials, etc; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the Drugs & Cosmetics Act to establish the proposed drug regulatory authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Disparity amongst States with respect to infrastructure and Licensing procedures has been noticed. There Have been cases of grant of licenses for fixed dose combinations (irrational drugs) by the State Drugs Controllers without due permission from CDSCO, Directorate General of Health Services and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

Harmful effects of mobile phone radiation

†505. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the waves generated by the cellular towers and mobile phones pose any threat to human life;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made it mandatory to warn against such health related threat;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps Government are taking to reduce the impact of radiation so that there is no adverse impact on human health?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (f) There has been

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